



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 19, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Long Reach Board of Directors was called to order by Nina Basu at 7:31 pm, Tuesday, October 19, 2021, and was held virtually via Zoom and phone. Other members present were Ed Coleman, Reginald Avery, Josh Friedman, and David Wissing. Also present were Janet Evans, CA Council Rep, Tina Addo, Executive Director, and Anne Kulesza, Board Secretary.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND OCTOBER 5, 2021 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The agenda and the October 5, 2021 Board meeting minutes were approved by consensus. Also, the Board unanimously approved moving the Board meeting scheduled for November 2 to November 9 to avoid any conflict with the CA Stream Restoration Community Meeting scheduled for November 2, 2021.

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE – SHARONLEE VOGEL

Ms. Vogel reported that the CA Senior Advisory Committee (SAC) continued to meet virtually this past year. She stated that the committee would like to make “Walktober” an annual Columbia event. She stated that they are getting an Age-Friendly report that the Office on Aging is going to submit to AARP to have Howard County declared an age-friendly community later this year. The SAC is active and continues to work with CA to expand senior programs. Ms. Vogel also provided an update on Artreach 2022 which is scheduled for June 4, 2022.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PRESENTATION

Nick Mayr, Program Officer at MD Dept. of Housing and Community Development, Victoria Olivier, Planning Supervisor, Community & Comprehensive Planning gave an overview of the Sustainable Communities Renewal Process. The two presentations included examples of projects implemented by other communities through this program. Also in attendance was Brian Shepter, Deputy Director, Department of Planning & Zoning.

Ms. Olivier stated that Howard County Government would like to renew the sustainable community designation for a geographic area within Long Reach Village and will be working with the Village Board and other community stakeholders to seek input. The county will lead the Renewal Process, but it will be a coordinated effort between the working group and community stakeholders. As part of the community engagement process, there are three focus group sessions scheduled: October 26, October 28, and November 4, 2021. In addition, community members may participate in a quick survey. Addo will share the information in the e-newsletter and on the village website.

Presentations are attached to original minutes.

DONATION REQUEST: GRASSROOTS CRISIS INTERVENTION

The Board reviewed the donation request made by Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, Inc. in the amount of \$1,000.00. Avery motioned to approve the donation request of \$1,000.00. Friedman seconded, which was approved 5-0-0.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Basu had no comments.

BOARD COMMENTS

Avery stated that he is on the Commission for Veterans and Military Families and if anyone is interested in having any veterans come to an activity and speak, to please reach out to him. He also mentioned that the Commission on Aging will be discussing aging in place, and he will relay any information about that topic to the Board.

Coleman had no comments.

Friedman stated that he was happy to be at the meeting and proud to serve.

Wissing mentioned the parking challenges at the Jeffers Hill Neighborhood Center between elementary school parents and the Neighborhood Center tenant. Addo explained that all parties involved (CA Open Space, LRCA, and Jeffers Hill ES administration) are working to resolve the safety issue.

CA COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Evans stated CA's budget process is different this year and the upcoming CA Board meeting will include a presentation of the budget scenarios. The process starts earlier in the year and the scenarios will include a breakdown of where the money is allocated. She thinks the budget breakdown will include categories that may make more sense to residents. Evans also mentioned that CA provided a report on outdoor pools and Kendal Ridge Pool ranked in the top five.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Addo provided report in writing, which is attached to the original minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Kulesza provided the Board with correspondence, which are attached to the original minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Nina Basu, Chair

Anne Kulesza, Board Secretary